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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> 124316.00103
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB 2004/003213	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE July 26, 2004	<b>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED</b> July 24, 2003
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION</b> VALVES FOR DRINKING VESSELS		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US</b> Jon GRANT		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) [WO 2005/012774 A1]             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto [7 pages of Specification, 13 claims and 3 sheets of drawing].</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An (unexecuted) oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol>		
<b>Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:</b>		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> After the title, insert the following "This application is a National Phase of PCT/ , which claims priority to , which is hereby incorporated by reference."</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13(ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: WO 2005/012774 A1; Form PCT/ISA/210, PCT International Search Report and Form PCT/RO/101 PCT Request.</li> </ol>		

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. <b>10/7565528</b>		INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/GB 2004/003213	ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NO. 124316.00103
The following fees have been submitted		<b>CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</b>	
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) ..... \$300		\$ 300.00	
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 All other situations..... \$200		\$ 200.00	
24. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the International preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority ..... \$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB ..... \$400 All other situations..... \$500		\$ 500.00	
<b>TOTAL OF 22, 23 and 24 =</b>		<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.			
Total Sheets	Extra Sheets	Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof (round up to a whole number)	RATE
- 100 =	/50 =		x \$250
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage (37 CFR 1.492(h)).		\$	
CLAIMS		NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA
Total Claims		13 - 20 =	0
Independent Claims		2 - 3 =	2
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ \$360
		<b>TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.		\$	
		<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).		\$	
		<b>TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</b>	<b>\$ 1,000.00</b>
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28,3.31). \$40.00 per property		\$	
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CUSTOMER NO.: 27557 BLANK ROME LLP 600 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037 Tel: (202) 772-5800 Fax: (202) 572-8398		Signature	
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**FEE TRANSMITTAL  
For FY 2006**

 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27
TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)  
**(\$1,000.00)**
**Complete if Known** *124316.00103*

Application Number	New Application
Filing Date	January 20, 2006
First Named Inventor	Jon GRANT
Examiner Name	Unassigned
Art Unit	Unassigned
Attorney Docket No.	124316.00103

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	\$1,000.00
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
13	-20 or HP = 0	x 0	= 0			

HP=highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
2	-3 or HP = 0	x 0	= 0

HP=highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

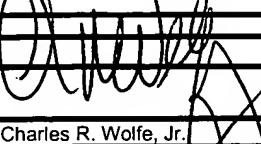
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Fees Paid (\$)**SUBMITTED BY**

Signature		Registration No. (Attorney/Agent) 28,680	Telephone 202 772 5800
Name (Print/Type)	Charles R. Wolfe, Jr.		Date January 23, 2006

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Docket No. 124316.00103

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Jon GRANT

GAU: Unassigned

SERIAL NO: To be assigned

EXAMINER: Unassigned

FILED: January 20, 2006

FOR: VALVES FOR DRINKING VESSELS

**PRIORITY REQUEST**

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application Serial Number , filed , is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

**COUNTRY**

Great Britain

**APPLICATION NUMBER**

0317291.3

**MONTH/DAY/YEAR**

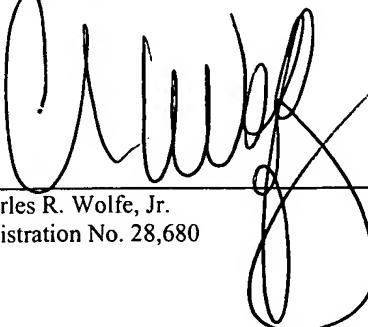
July 24, 2003

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number .  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
- are submitted herewith
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Respectfully Submitted,

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